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1. JANUARY 12 PRESS RELEASE, ATTRIBUTED TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SOURCES STATES THAT GOI IN PRINCIPLE FAVORS US PROPOSAL
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FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF

STATEMENT. QUOTE AWAITING THE EXAMINATION OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL BY THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MINISTRY SOURCES POINT OUT THAT AN INITIATIVE WHICH AIMS AT A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONSUMING AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAS A POSITIVE VALUE AND IN NO WAY CAN BE CONSTRUED IN A POLEMICAL SENSE BY THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES. FOR THESE REASONS, THE ITALIAN ATTITUDE IN PRINCIPLE, AS THAT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY, IS FAVORABLE TO THE INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT NIXON." UNQUOTE

2. FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, GIUSEPPE SARAGAT (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT) ISSUED A STRONG STATEMENT JANUARY 11 CALLING FOR "PROMPT AND CONVINCED" ACCEPTANCE BY GOI OF US INVITATION. SARAGAT HAS HARSH WORDS FOR BEHAVIOR OF FRANCE, COMPARING IT TO A MISCHIEVOUS CHILD WHO CAN BE NAUGHTY WHEN CROSSING BUSY STREETS, BECAUSE HIS FATHER WHO HOLDS HIM BY THE HAND WOULD NEVER LET HIM RUN RISK OF BEING HIT BY A CAR. SARAGAT NOTES THAT ITALY IS A MEDITERRANEAN, NOT AN ATLANTIC COUNTRY, AND ITS INDEPENDENCE HINGES UPON LOYALTY WITH WHICH IT WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN FAITH IN ITS ALLIANCE WITH AMERICA. OTHERWISE, AMERICA WOULD ABANDON IT TO ITS OWN FATE WHICH IN BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF FINLAND.VOLPE

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